

## April 2 Sermon Notes

**Preacher:** Rev. Henry Coates  
**Title:** Love Your Neighbor  
**Scripture:** Matthew 22:34-39  
(New Testament, pp. 23-24)

To love our neighbor is to walk where they walk, see the world through their eyes, and authentically care for them as people loved by God and made in God's image.

**Next Week**  
**Lenten Teaching Series - Love Like Jesus**

**Sunday Worship Services, 9 am and 11:30 am:**

**Text:** Matthew 21:1-10

**Title:** Your King is Coming

**Big Idea:** Jesus comes not as a military or political ruler; He comes to rule over the hearts and lives of men and women.

**Listen to Sunday Sermons** on the FPCE website or via the "First Presbyterian Church of Evanston" iTunes podcast. Sermons are usually uploaded by Tuesday evenings.

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## Highlights

**Let's share a meal! Join us after the 11:30 am service this morning in Roy Hall for a potluck-style get-together!**

**Join us as we gather Wednesday, April 5, for our Prayer Gathering at 7 pm in Walker Chapel.** Communion will be celebrated as well. All are welcome! *Note: There is NO Wednesday night dinner on April 5.*

**Sign up for 24/7 Prayer, taking place during Holy Week. Sun., April 9 - Sun., April 16.** All are asked to sign up. Pray for our church, our community, family and friends. Sign up online using our calendar at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/holy-week-prayer/> or after the service in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary. *The Parlor is open for prayer each day from 8 am to 10 pm during Holy Week 24/7 Prayer.*

**This year's Maundy Thursday service will be "A Remembrance of The Last Supper" with Dr. Boaz Johnson leading us in a symbolic Passover Seder like the Jewish meal Jesus would have celebrated with His disciples in the upper room.** Please sign up at the front desk by Sunday, April 9, to reserve your seat(s). The Seder will take place from 7-9 pm in Roy Hall on Thursday, April 13. Childcare is available at no cost. NOTE: This is *not* a full meal, but instead a symbolic representation of the meal served at the Last Supper.

**The next Pilgrimage (Pilgrimage #27) will be held April 20 - 23 at the DeKoven Center in Racine, Wisconsin.** This weekend is an incredible opportunity to deepen your faith and get to know God as you never have before. For more information and/or an application contact Laura Jones at [laurasjones@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laurasjones@sbcglobal.net) or 847-530-8694.

## Worth Noting

**An Estate Planning Seminar will be held today from 12:30 to 2:00 pm in the Dining Room at FPCE.** Topics include: Wills, trusts, powers of attorney, Biblical principles of estate planning, planning for tax-deferred retirement accounts, and more. Luncheon will be served.

**Senior Varsity will meet on Thursday, April 6.** Come hear and get to know our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Henry Coates. Registration begins at 10:30 am, with the presentation at 11, and lunch served at noon (cost: \$5). Register by April 4 at the front desk by calling (847) 864-1472. All are welcome! This month's proceeds will go towards Souper Saturday.

**Easter Floral Remembrances are available for purchase.** Donate \$10 for the purchase of floral plants placed in the Chancel on Easter Sunday in memory of loved ones. Forms are available at the front desk, and the deadline to order is Palm Sunday, April 9.

**Grieving? Whether it's the death of a loved one, a broken relationship or the end of a job, join us for a three-week workshop series on coping with loss and learning to find joy again.** The sessions will be held April 5, 12 and 19 from 7 pm to 9 pm in The Counseling Center. There is a cost of \$20 (scholarships are available). For more information, contact Julie Ruchniewicz at [jruchniewicz@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:jruchniewicz@firstpresevanston.org).

**Book Club is meeting on April 18 from 1:30-3 in the Parlor.** We will be reading *La's Orchestra Saves the World* by Alexander McCall Smith, the best-selling and beloved author of *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*.



## Missions

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### Pray for Our

#### Mission Partner

**Pray for our mission partners, Rafik and Cindy Khalil, working with Pioneers International in Cairo, Egypt, listed on pages 74 and 75 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions.** Pray for their work using media and other training methods to prepare Arab Christians for church planting throughout the Middle East and North Africa. Pray for staffing and financial resources and for safety for all those reaching out to lead Muslims to salvation in Jesus.

**Save Saturday, April 29, for Rebuilding Together, when First Presbyterian Evanston serves God through sacrificial work on area homes.** This year we will work on two homes: One is that of a long-time Evanston resident while the other is a home of an FPCE member in need of help. Sign up online through Signup Genius or at the front desk. You can commit to work a full or half day. No specific repair skills are needed, other than a willingness to serve! These homes are not suitable for children under the age of 14. Contact Caryl Weinberg or Kelly Levander at [klevander@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:klevander@firstpresevanston.org) for help and questions.

**Next Sunday (April 9) is the last day to register to participate in the Spring Art Exhibit!** All artists are invited to participate in the joy of new life this Spring by displaying a piece of original art that illustrates the theme of Spring and Rebirth. If you work in any two-dimensional medium -- painting, drawing, photography, collage, needlework, etc. -- the Arts Ministry needs you. All ages are welcome! Pick up an information sheet and a registration form in the church office and sign up by April 9. The exhibit will run from April 30 through May 21.

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/serve/in-the-world/>

## Calendar Updates

## Children and Families

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**We celebrate with the following students who participated in our Communion Workshop:** Delone Anyang Tar, Henry Bohanon, Genevieve Curry, Kiet Curry, Lena Curry, Mathilde Curry, Dion Englund, Thomas Glew, Zadie Ivaska, Hannah McLeod, Jayden Muganwa, Tate Myatt, Raluchi Nzelibe, Nicholas Tapia, Samantha Tilson, and Adelyn Varner.

**Palm Sunday processional: Children of all ages are invited to join us in a procession of palms next week on Palm Sunday.** Please meet in the back of the Sanctuary 10 minutes prior to the worship service (8:50 a.m. or 11:20 a.m.) Our group will walk in together, waving palms, and then children will return to sit with their families.

**Join us for the Good Friday Family Workshop on Friday, April 14, beginning in the Dining Room at church!** Families, children, and anyone from the congregation is invited to this time of fellowship, worship, and crafts, beginning at 10 a.m. Our worship time is focused especially on helping the children in our church understand Christ's sacrifice and the hope of Easter. Bring a fruit or breakfast food item to share with others.

**Church Camp registration is online and open!** Students currently in grades 2-6 are invited to join us for a week of camp at Phantom Ranch in Mukwonago, WI, from June 18-23. Learn more and register online through our website at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/children/church-camp-2017/>.

**Save the date for Vacation Bible School, where we will discover that we were created by God and built for a purpose at the Maker Fun Factory!** Children age 3 through current 5th graders are invited to spend each morning with us at church during the week of July 24-28.

**Fish banks are still available for children who want to give to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday.** Banks and giving guides are available at the Children's Ministry table.

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/children/>

*Calendars are available in the Narthex or at the Front Desk. They are inserted in the "First Pres at a Glance" at the beginning of each month.*

## Youth

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### NUBS (6th-8th Grade)

Meetings are 7-9 pm Fridays in the NUBS Lounge on the third floor.

### PYGS (High School)

Meetings are 4-6 pm Sunday afternoons in the PYGS Lounge on the lower level. Dinner will be served.

**NUBS and PYGS t-shirts are now available.** First come, first served! See Liz Ribeiro.

**The Annual Youth Sunday Worship Service will be held April 23, with a rehearsal the previous day.** Parents of FPCE Youth 12th-graders should contact Liz Ribeiro ASAP if they have not yet received instructions about this year's service.

**Registration for Great Escape is here! The trip will take place July 10 through 15!** This event is for rising 6th graders through graduating 8th graders! Great Escape is a sleepaway camp in Greenlake, Wisconsin for Middle Schoolers. Registration forms can be found online and on the children's and youth table.

**The PYGS' 2017 Mission Trip is set for July 29 through August 5.** The team will be traveling to Wetumpka, Alabama, as part of an outreach by Youth Works. Throughout the week, we will facilitate a Kids Club at a local church, participate in work projects and serve with organizations seeking to meet the needs of the community. More details are available online.

**PYGS and NUBS parents and students: Do you have great photos from this year's events?** Share them with Liz Ribeiro.

*More details about Youth events can be found in our weekly email. Text YOUTHGROUP to 42828 to subscribe!*

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/students/>

## Important Web Links

Events:  
<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/>

Resources:  
<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/resources/>

Small Groups for Adults:  
<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/adults/small-groups-at-fpce/>

## Young Adults/Families

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**Pastor Henry is looking to put together a team for the 2017 Chicago Spartan Race.** The Reebok Spartan Sprint It is perfect for athletes of all levels; from first timers to seasoned obstacle courses racers. The 3-5 Mile Sprint packs more than 20 Signature Spartan Obstacles. If you think you can't do it, you're wrong. The race will be in the afternoon of Sunday, June 11. If you're interested in participating or looking for more information, connect with Henry after church or shoot him an email at [hcoates@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:hcoates@firstpresevanston.org). Partial scholarships are available. Henry will also be putting together weekly group training opportunities for any and all who are interested. The Spartan Race is a fun, challenging event, and it would be great if we could put together a team from First Pres!

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/adults/young-adults/>

## FPCE Communications Deadlines

The deadlines for placing items in the various forms of FPCE communications are as follows:

- First Pres at a Glance (Sunday Announcements)*
  - Mondays at 10 am
- This Week at First Pres (Weekly eNewsletter)*
  - Wednesdays at 9 am
- Website updates*
  - 48-72 hours' notice